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Removal of rank vegetation on irrigation channels and foot-paths.

*913 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Excise Department object to the removal of rank vegetation like date trees, etc., on irrigation channels and foot-paths of the village of Siruguppa, Bellary district;

(b) whether the Collector after personal inspection has held that the complaint of the ryots in regard to the non-removal of date trees, etc., is real and that it is dangerous for ryots to pass along these channels and foot-paths to their fields; and

(c) whether the ryots will be allowed to remove the rank vegetation themselves without any restraint and if not whether the Government themselves propose to keep the channels and paths clear of the objectionable vegetation?

A.—(a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) & (c) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 750 asked by Mr. R. Nagan Gowda.

Grazing facilities for cattle in Mangalore and its suburbs.

*914 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of heads of cattle that is oxen, bulls, cows, and male and female buffaloes

(i) in the town of Mangalore;

(ii) in the suburbs, viz., in the villages of Bolur, Codialbail, Derebail, Kadri, Kankanadi, Pandav, Maroli, and Jeppinamogar;

(b) what the area of grazing land reserved at the time at the last settlement in 1901 for grazing purposes in each of the villages mentioned above was;

(c) whether that area has been curtailed; and if so, under what circumstances, and for what purposes;

(d) the area of grazing ground available for the cattle of the town and the cattle of the suburbs for each village separately, at present; and

(e) (i) whether Government or the Collector have received representations from the towns-people and the villagers round about Mangalore complaining about the smallness of area of grazing land for their cattle;

(ii) whether such representations have been received from some ryots of the village of Derebail on the same subject; and

(iii) what action has been taken?

A.—(a) The figures asked for are not readily available and would have to be compiled from the village registers.

(b) & (c) No land was classed at the settlement as reserved for grazing purposes. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the explanatory remarks on the statement printed at page 544 of the Council Proceedings for the 12th October last.

(d) 162 acres in Mangalore town. Information in regard to the suburbs is not available.

(e) The Government have not been able to trace any such representations, and they have no information that the Collector has received any.